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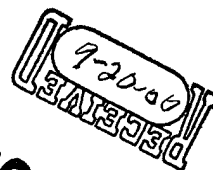
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Sir:

Supplemental to the Amendment deposited on August 18, 2000,
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments
and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 7 as follows:

- B1
- 1 1. (amended) A communication system comprising:
 - 2 at least two functional blocks, wherein an initiator functional block of the
 - 3 at least two functional blocks sends transfer requests to a target functional block
 - 4 of the at least two functional blocks, said target functional block responding to
 - 5 the transfer requests, by establishing a connection, wherein a connection is a